

## House Resolution 964

By: Representatives Thomas of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Holmes of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Sinkfield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Edward Patten, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Edward Patten, Sr., was born on August 27, 1939, in Atlanta, Georgia, to loving  
3 parents Thomas Shelby and Wilhelmina Maxwell Patten and grew up attending English  
4 Avenue Elementary School, participating in the Boy Scouts, and graduating from Booker T.  
5 Washington High School; and
- 6 WHEREAS, his father was a gifted pianist, and music played an important role early in his  
7 life as he was christened and sang in the youth choir at Central United Methodist Church; and
- 8 WHEREAS, it was there, singing an Easter solo, that his mother first realized the special  
9 talent that would later rocket his career to the top of the Motown music scene in Detroit as  
10 a member of Gladys Knight and the Pips; and
- 11 WHEREAS, with hits such as *Midnight Train to Georgia* and *Love Overboard*, the group  
12 of Georgia natives became one of America's greatest icons and was inducted into the Rock  
13 and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he and his cousin and fellow Pip, William Guest, are the founders of Atlanta's  
15 Crew Records, a highly successful and valuable member of the city's music industry; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in addition to his stellar achievements in the music industry, Mr. Patten was a  
17 devoted husband to his wife, Renee Brown, and a wonderful father to his children, Stephanie,  
18 Steve, Sonya, Edward II, and Elliot; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting that the legendary life of Edward Patten and his many  
20 contributions to the world of modern day music be appropriately recognized and celebrated  
21 in this, his native state.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body join to express their deepest regret at the passing of Edward Patten,  
3 Sr., and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Edward Patten,  
6 Sr.